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In the specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page $\underline{1}$, line $\underline{1}$ as follows:

Description

Please insert the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2 as follows:

Technical Field

Please insert the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6 as follows:

Background

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 27 as follows: The solution of this task is achieved by a component possessing the characteristics of Patent Claim 1, by a method possessing the characteristics of Patent Claim 8, and with a coating ·medium possessing the characteristics of Patent Claim 15.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 1 as follows: Advantageous configurations and embodiments are the subjects of Patent Claims 2 through 7, 9 through 14, or 16-through 25.

Please insert the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 1 as follows:

Summary

Please insert the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 1 as follows:

Description of Drawings

Please insert the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 7 as follows:

<u>Detailed Description</u>